

III. Remarks

A. Status of the Application

Claims 9-10 and 23-28 are pending herein. Claims 1-8 and 11-22 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of same in one or more related applications.

B. Advisory Action

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowance of claims 9-10 and 23-28 in the Advisory Action mailed September 13, 2006. As noted above, rejected claims 1-6, 8, 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance since only allowed claims remain pending in the application.

C. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office action mailed June 2, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed September 13, 2006 have been addressed. Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be mailed indicating the allowance of claims 9-10 and 23-28. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite the issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 9-10 and 23-28, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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